THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) National Housing and Habitat Policy contemplates the role of a facilitator for the Government without taking on the task of building so far as housing is concerned. This Ministry provides financial and technical support through appropriate agencies like HUDCO, BMTPC etc. for building low cost houses. The Government has recently decided to launch a new scheme known as Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana to provide shelter or upgrade the existing shelter for people below poverty line in urban slums for achieving the goal of "Housing for all" as outlined in the National Housing and Habitat Policy. The details of scheme including the guidelines will be finalised in due course.

Inquiry regarding payment of wrong medical claims in DDA

†130. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether DDA has wrongly made payments of lakhs of rupees under medical claims during the year 1999-2000;

(b) if so, the amount of such payments and the names of those who received the payments;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to make an inquiry into this case and to take punitive action against officers responsible for the said payments;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the mode to recover the said payment and from whom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (e) The DDA has reported that the matter relating to payments of medical bills is under investigation with Vigilance Department of DDA. Further action would be taken on completion of the investigation and its findings.